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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: AIR ACTIVITY OF ALL KINDS WAS HEAVIER THAN USUAL IN KABUL AND VICINITY THIS WEEK BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE FOR BBC CLAIMS AND SUBSEQUENT RUMORS AROUND TOWN THAT SOVIET FORCES HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED BY SOME 5000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS. LOW-FLYING HELICOPTER PATROLS OCCURRED DAILY AND MIG'S TOOK OFF FROM KABUL AIRPORT FOR BOMBING AND STAFING RUNS AT NEARBY TARGETS, JUDGING BY THEIR SHORT TIME IN THE AIR BEFORE RETURNING TO BE REARMED. ARTILLERY FIRE AND OTHER EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD ALMOST NIGHTLY, AND A VISITING BRITISH TV CREW FILMED PICTURES FROM THEIR HOTEL BALCONY OF FIGHTING AT NIGHT. THEY WERE THE FIRST NON-COMMUNIST CREW FOR NEARLY A YEAR AND A HALF TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT MAZARI SHARIF AND THE AMU DARYA BORDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION, BUT THEIR PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES THERE WERE STRICTLY CONTROLLED. THE CREW ALSO INTERVIEWED PRIME MINISTER KESHKAND AND SELECTED PRISONERS AT PUL-I-CHARKI, AS WELL AS MAKING THE STANDARD FLIGHT TO JALALABAD AND VICINITY. MUJAHEDDIN ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CITY CONTINUED AT A HEAVY PACE, AND COUNTER-ACTIONS BY SECURITY FORCES LED TO SIZEABLE CASUALTY FIGURES ON BOTH SIDES AND THE ROUNDUP FOR QUESTIONING OF ALL MALES FROM AN ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD. SEVERAL PARTY MEMBERS AND AT LEAST ONE SOVIET WERE ASSASSINATED ON THE STREETS OF KABUL THIS WEEK. A CAR FULL OF KHAD AGENTS  
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HAS AMBUSHED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT ON THE PAGHMAN ROAD WITHIN SIGHT OF THE GOLF CLUB, AND WHEN DRA FORCES WENT BACK AT NOON THE NEXT DAY TO SALVAGE THE VEHICLE THEY WERE DRIVEN OFF BY MACHINEGUN FIRE FROM BEHIND NEARBY HEDGEROWS AND WALLS. THE AREA NORTH OF KABUL CONTINUES TO BE A CONSTANT TROUBLESPOT, AND WHEN A DRA EMISSARY WAS SENT TO CHARIKAR TO ASK MUJAHEDDIN LEADERS NOT TO DESTROY THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE REGION, THEY REPORTEDLY REPLIED, "OF COURSE, WE WON'T, WE'LL NEED IT WHEN WE WIN." REPORTS INDICATE THAT DESERTING AFGHAN SOLDIERS ARE HAVING GROWING PROBLEMS ESCAPING TO PAKISTAN BECAUSE THE MUJAHEDDIN

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WANT THEM TO STAY AND FIGHT THE RUSSIANS. AFTER A WEEK OF SILENCE WHILE WAITING FOR THE APPROVED SOVIET LINE ON THE EC PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN, DRA MEDIA FINALLY CAME OUT WITH A SCATHING CONDEMNATION AND A RENEWED CALL FOR TALKS BASED ON THE DRA/SOVIET PROPOSAL OF MAY 14, 1980. RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN MAY START BROADCASTS FROM WITHIN MUJAHEDDIN CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE COUNTRY SHORTLY. A COMMUNIST DIPLOMAT INADVERTENTLY REVEALED THAT DABRAK MAY JOIN BREZHNEV IN THE CRIMEA FOR THE LATTER'S IMPORTANT ANNUAL TALKS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTY LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

#### MILITARY AND SECURITY ACTIVITIES

3. AIR TRANSPORT ACTIVITY AT KABUL AIRPORT WAS SOMEWHAT HEAVIER THAN USUAL THIS WEEK, AND HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND MIG'S FLEW MUCH MORE FREQUENT PATROLS LOW OVER THE CITY AND OUTSKIRTS. AFTER THE BBC BROADCAST CLAIMING 5000 MORE TROOPS HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE SOVIET CONTINGENT IN AFGHANISTAN, RUMORS BEGAN CIRCULATING ABOUT SUCH AN INCREASE BUT WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING SOLID TO INDICATE THAT THE HEAVIER AIR TRANSPORT ACTIVITY CONSTITUTES ANYTHING OTHER THAN INCREASED INTERNAL MILITARY TRANSPORTATION AND PROBABLY SUMMER TROOP ROTATION. AN EMOFF AT  
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THE AIRPORT JULY 8 SAW SIX MIG-21'S FULLY LOADED WITH EXTERNAL BOMBS AND ROCKETS TAKE OFF ABOUT 9:30 IN THE

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THEIR ORDNANCE, INDICATING THAT THEIR TARGET PROBABLY WAS NOT MORE THAN 50 OR 50 MILES AWAY FROM KABUL. ALL SIX MIG'S WERE HURRIEDLY REARMED AND TOOK OFF FOR ANOTHER BOMBING AND STRAFING RUN ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER. HE ALSO SAW THREE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS BEING LOADED ABOARD A SOVIET AN-22, PRESUMABLY TO RE-INFORCE UNITS IN OTHER AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN. (7483\*)

4. INTENSE ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE AS WELL AS NUMEROUS UNEXPLAINED LOUD EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD ALMOST EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK IN KABUL, WITH MOST OF THE FIRING APPEARING TO BE AROUND THE AIRPORT, IN THE DARULAMAN-RISHKOR AREA TO THE SOUTH AND BEYOND THE KARGA DAM TOWARDS PAGHMAN. ON JULY 7, 8 AND 9 ABOUT 23:00 THERE WAS PARTICULARLY HEAVY ARTILLERY AND TRACER FIRING BETWEEN THE SOVIET CAMP AT KHAIR KHANA AND THE AIRPORT, AND A VISITING BRITISH TELEVISION CREW FILMED THE BARRAGE FROM THE HOPPER FLOORS OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL (SEE BELOW FOR MORE ON THEIR VISIT). (BRIEF, BUT PROTECT THE TV TEAM.)

5. BECAUSE OF CONTINUED MUJAHEDDIN ASSASSINATIONS AND SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN MANY PARTS OF THE CITY, SECURITY FORCES INCREASED THEIR ROADBLOCKS AND PATROLS, AND WHOLE AREAS OF THE CITY WERE CORDONED OFF AT NIGHT AND SEARCHED FOR SUSPECTED MUJAHEDDIN AND ARMS CACHES. AFTER AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE SOVIET-BUILT SILO AND BAKERY, THE ABDUCTION OF 15 PARHAM MEMBERS. AND THE ASSASSINATION OF OTHERS, AND SEVERAL OTHER MUJAHEDDIN INCIDENTS LAST WEEK IN THE MOTAB QALA/KOTE SANGI/SILO AREA OF SOUTHWESTERN KABUL, ABOUT 200 SECURITY

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TROOPS AND KHAD AGENTS SURROUNDED PART OF THAT NEIGHBORHOOD ABOUT MIDNIGHT, JULY 5-6 AND BEGAN A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH. THEY CAME UNDER FIRE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND THE FIGHTING CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL HOURS. AT LEAST FIVE SOLDIERS AND POLICE OFFICIALS AND SEVERAL MUJAHEDDIN WERE KILLED AND OTHERS WERE WOUNDED. WHEN DAYLIGHT CAME THE SECURITY FORCES SEIZED AND TOOK AWAY FOR QUESTIONING ALL MALES FOUND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND SOME OF THEM WERE STILL IN CUSTODY A WEEK LATER. SIMILAR NEIGHBORHOOD SEARCHES WERE ALSO MADE IN THE KHAIR KHANA AND QALA CHAR DISTRICTS LAST WEEK. (BRIEF)

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6. BURSTS OF MACHINEGUN FIRE WERE HEARD JULY 7, 8 AND 13 IN THE EARLY EVENING NEAR THE ANSARI WAT INTERSECTION IN SHARI MAU. ON JULY 8 ABOUT 21:15 AN EMPLOYEE OF A RESTAURANT ACROSS THE STREET (STRICTLY PROTECT) SAW TWO CIVILIANS WHO HE LATER HEARD WERE PARACHUTISTS GUNNED DOWN ON THE STREET BY TWO ASSAILANTS WHO THEN DISAPPEARED INTO THE BACK STREETS. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS HE SAW A POLICE VAN PICK UP THE BODIES AND TAKE THEM AWAY. IT APPEARED TO THE WITNESS THAT THE SLAIN MEN HAD COME TO THE CORNER EXPECTING TO MEET SOMEONE, PERHAPS HAVING BEEN SET UP BY THE MUJAHEDDIN. THE FIRING IN THAT LOCATION THE OTHER NIGHTS IS STILL UNEXPLAINED.

ALTHOUGH AN EMBOFF NEARBY ON JULY 13 (STRICTLY PROTECT) THOUGHT THE CROWD WHICH GATHERED AND THE VEHICLES WHICH HURRIED TO AND FROM THE SCENE PROBABLY INDICATED SOMEONE HAD BEEN SHOT. (BRIEF)

7. AN AFGHAN DOCTOR WHO PRACTICES AT ALIABAD HOSPITAL (STRICTLY PROTECT) WAS PASSING THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL ABOUT 8:30 THE MORNING OF JULY 19 AND SAW A SOVIET SHOT DOWN ON THE SIDEWALK ABOUT 100 METERS AWAY. THE ASSAILANT ESCAPED IN A CAR.

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IN A RARE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MUJAHEDDIN SUCCESS, THE

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DRA ANNOUNCED THE SLAY OF RETIRED GENERAL FATEH MOHAMMAD WHO HAD SERVED IN THE ARMY UNDER KING ZAHIR AND LATELY HAD BECOME A NATIONAL FATHERLAND FRONT "LEADER" SEEN SITTING NEXT TO BABRAK ON THE PODIUM AT THE FRONT'S RECENT MEETING. (COMMENT: FEAR OF ASSASSINATION FOR SELLING OUT TO THE REGIME HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MAIN RECRUITING PROBLEMS FOR THE PARTY AND FRONT.) (BRIEF)

1. THE HIGOAD BETWEEN KARGA AND PAGHMAN WAS THE SCENE OF AT LEAST TWO ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN MUJAHEDDIN AND SECURITY FORCES, ONE OF WHICH WAS OBSERVED BY EMBOFFS (PROTECT). ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT 15:00 A SEDAN CARRYING FIVE KHAD AGENTS WAS AMBUSHED ONLY 300 METERS BEYOND THE KARGA DAM. TWO KHAD MEN WERE KILLED AND THE OTHER THREE CAPTURED AND TAKEN TOWARD THE HILLS. THE FOLLOWING DAY ABOUT 12:30 A WRECKER, A FLAT-BED TRUCK AND SEVERAL JEEPS AND TAXIS FULL OF ARMED CIVILIANS WENT TO THE SCENE TO RETRIEVE THE VEHICLE WHICH HAD BEEN BLOWN ON ITS SIDE OFF THE ROAD. JUST AS THE WRECKER DEPOSITED THE CAR ONTO THE TRUCK'S BED THE SALVAGE PARTY CAME UNDER CONSIDERABLE FIRE FROM HEDGEROWS AND GARDEN WALLS NEARBY AND THE KHAD MEN RETURNED THE FIRE BEFORE FLEEING QUICKLY BACK TO KABUL. SOME RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN BATHING IN THE LAKE, REMEMBERING PERHAPS THAT TWO SIMILAR GROUPS OF SOVIETS HAD BEEN ATTACKED

LAST SUMMER AND SEVERAL SOLDIERS KILLED, DECIDED TO GET OUT FAST, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT THEMSELVES BEEN ATTACKED THEY DID NOT STOP THEIR VAN TO PUT ON THEIR CLOTHES UNTIL A RIDGE WAS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE

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SITE OF THE CONTACT. ONE EMBOFF WATCHED THE START OF THE ACTION FROM THE GOLD CUB AND ANOTHER QUIT HIS GAME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EIGHTH HOLE WHEN STRAY ROUNDS BEGAN FLYING OVERHEAD. (BRIEF)

2. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE DRA SENT AN EMISSARY TO CHARIKAR LAST WEEK TO URGE THE MUJAHEDDIN WHO ARE IN PARTIAL CONTROL OF THAT CITY AND VIRTUALLY OCCUPY THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE (REFTEL PARA 13) NOT TO DESTROY THE TEXTILE MILLS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AREA. THE MUJAHEDDIN LEADER IS SAID TO HAVE REPLIED, "OF COURSE WE WON'T, WE ALL NEED

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THEY WHEN WE WIN." IN ANOTHER CHARIKAR-RELATED REPORT FROM AN EXCELLENT SOURCE, AFTER AN ENTIRE REGIMENT OF AFGHAN TROOPS DESERTED AS A UNIT NEAR THERE THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AGO THE DRA BEGAN ORDERING TROOP UNITS ON DUTY IN RELATIVELY SAFE KAYT TO CHARIKAR TO FILL THE GAP. AS A RESULT THERE HAVE BEEN FAR MORE DESERTIONS AMONG KADUL SOLDIERS THAN USUAL. ONE DESERTER WHO HAD BEEN IN HIDING APPEALED TO THE GERMAN EMBASSY FOR HELP IN GETTING OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE GERMAN-SPONSORED AMANI SCHOOL (PROTECT). WHEN ASKED WHY HE DIDN'T JUST GO OVER THE HILLS TO PAKISTAN, HE REPLIED THAT THAT IS GETTING MORE DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS FOR SEVERAL REASONS: FIRST, ONE MUST HIRE A GUIDE AND THAT COSTS AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF MONEY. SECOND, MANY MUJAHEDDIN THROUGH WHOSE TERRITORY ESCAPEES PASSNARE RESENTFUL OF FORMER SOLDIERS WHO WANT TO FLEE THE COUNTRY INSTEAD OF STAYING TO FIGHT

THE SOVIETS AND THE REGIME. AND THIRD, MORE AND MORE

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PRESS BUT ARE THEN TURNED OVER TO THE DRA FOR THE REWARD MONEY. (BRIEF)

#### POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES

10. THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO REACTION BY AFGHAN MEDIA FOR ALMOST A WEEK TO THE UK/EC PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE THE AFGHANISTAN CRISIS, AS THEY APPEARED TO BE WAITING FOR THE APPROVED SOVIET LINE TO EMERGE. IN THE MEANTIME, THERE WAS CONSTANT REITERATION IN THE PRESS AND ON RADIO/TV OF THE CONTINUING VALIDITY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF LAST YEAR'S MAY 14 PROPOSALS, ECHOING STATEMENTS MADE IN MOSCOW, PRAGUE AND ELSEWHERE AFTER CARRINGTON'S MEETING GROMYKO. YESTERDAY A HARSHLY WORDED EDITORIAL APPEARED IN THE KABUL NEW TIMES CASTING THE EC PROPOSAL AS AN UNACCEPTABLE AFFRONT AIMED AT INTENSIFYING THE INTERFERENCE BY IMPERIALISTS IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. "HYPOCRITICAL, INSIDIOUS PRESSURE BY WASHINGTON, BRAZEN, UNCONCEALED CONTEMPT FOR THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT, AND PROVOCATIVE" ARE AMONG THE TERMS USED TO VILIFY THE PROPOSAL. (BRIEF)

11. AS MANY BE KNOWN TO SOME ADDRESSEES, A FRENCH COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS JUNE 30MWO UNFOUNCE THAT A RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN WAS BEING ESTABLISHED WITHIN THIS COUNTRY TO INFORM THE POPULATION OF WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON, TO FOSTER UNIFICATION AMONG THE VARIOUS TRIBAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS AND TO ATTEMPT TO CAUSE DESERTIONS AND DISILLUSIONMENT AMONG  
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SOVIET OCCUPATION TROOPS. IT WILL BROADCAST LIVE IN DARI AND PUSHTO AND FROM CASSETTES IN RUSSIAN FROM MOBILE TRANSMITTERS, SOME OF WHICH ARE SAID TO BE HERE ALREADY AND EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN A FEW DAYS. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE U.S. AND ITALY TO RAISE MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING EXPENSES. (COMMENT: IF RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN ACTUALLY BEGINS TRANSMITTING, IT WILL BE THE FIRST MUJAHEDDIN PROPAGANDA RADIO TO OPERATE WITHIN THE COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE.) (BRIEF)

12. A FIVE-MAN BRITISH TEAM REPRESENTING THAMES TV (KABUL  
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0007) COMPLETED ITS VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN JULY 12 AND WAS QUITE PLEASED WITH WHAT IT HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE AND FILM. IN ADDITION TO THE NOW-STANDARD STRUCTURED VISIT TO JALALABAD AND ENVIRONS (WHERE A SOVIET OFFICER STOPPED THEM FROM TAKING PICTURES OF MORE THAN 100 DAMAGED FLEET WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS ON THE MILITARY SIDE OF THE AIRFIELD), THE GROUP WAS ALSO TAKEN TO HAZARI SHARIF BY PLANE AND THEN, AFTER STRENUOUS ARGUMENT, TO THE RIVER BORDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION BY CAR. THEY SAW NO FIGHTING DURING THE HQ UR'S DRIVE TO THE BORDER AND NOTICED THAT THE CRITICAL FUEL PIPELINE AND PUMPING STATIONS WERE FUNCTIONING UNDER MINIMAL AND NOT VERY WATCHFUL GUARD. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO FILM VERY MUCH AT THE BORDER BECAUSE EVERYTHING WAS CONSIDERED MILITARY AND THUS PROHIBITED, BUT THEY SPENT THE EVENING AT THE CAMP OF RUSSIAN LOGISTICS ADVISORS WHOSE DIRECTOR, PREDICTABLY, GAVE THEM A VERY UPEAT ACCOUNT OF THE SITUATION. THEY SAID THE PERMANENT BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THERE WAS ABOUT HALF FINISHED. IN KABUL THEY NOT ONLY FILMED SCENES OF NIGHT-TIME FIGHTING (SEE ABOVE) BUT HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER KESHTMAND AND VISITED PUL-I-CHANI PRISON WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO FIRM INTERVIEWS WITH SELECTED PRISONERS.

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AND AUSTRIAN "SPIES" KNOWN TO BE HELD THERE, THE DRA  
TOLD THEM THAT THEY HAD RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED, A  
DELIVERATE LIE.

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COPY OF THE FINISHED FILM, AND IT MIGHT ALSO BE SEEN ON  
U.S. PBS WITH WHICH THAMES HAS A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGE-  
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INGS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTY LEADERS. IT  
HAS HEARD THAT DABRAK, AND PERHAPS BREZHNEV  
AS WELL, IS ALREADY IN THE CRIMEA AFTER SPENDING LAST  
WEEK IN MOSCOW -- PROTECT). AS WE UNDERSTAND THE  
SOCHI MEETINGS, THEY ARE PART OF THE WHOLE STRUCTURE  
OF SOVIET DOMINATION OF EASTERN EUROPE WHOSE DELIVERA-  
TIONS ARE LATER GIVEN OFFICIAL STATUS BY POLITBURO FIAT.  
DABRAK'S ATTENDANCE, IF TRUE, PLUS THE FACT THAT  
AFGHANISTAN NOW HAS OBSERVER STATUS IN COMECON AND AN  
IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND ASSISTANCE  
AGREEMENTS WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, SEEMS TO BECOMING  
A FULL-FLEDGED, THOUGH UNACKNOWLEDGED, SOVIET SATELLITE. MIL S

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